

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**CHILD SAFETY CLIP**

the specification of which [x] is attached hereto, was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever used or known in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, that this invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this invention, that this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by us or our legal representatives, or assigned more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this Application by us or our legal representatives or assigns.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Day/Month/Year Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Priority Claimed: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Application serial No.: 60/524,149

Filing date: November 20, 2003


Status: Patented, Pending, or Abandoned

Pending

We hereby appoint Alan B. Samlan, Registration No. 28,470, David J. Hurley, Registration No. 46,786, and Basil E. Demeur, Registration No. 23,049, of Knechtel, Demeur & Samlan, 222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1410, Chicago, Illinois 60606, as our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. It is requested that all communication be directed to Alan B. Samlan at the above address. All telephone calls should be made to (312) 655-9900.

We hereby declare all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor: John Crane

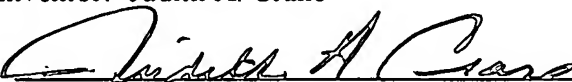
Inventor's signature: 

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Date: 2/6/04

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Full name of second inventor: Judith A. Crane

Inventor's signature: 

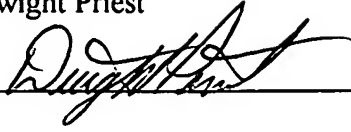
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Full name of third inventor: Dwight Priest

Inventor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Date: 2-6-04

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)**  
**CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. 1.9(F) AND**  
**1.27 (D) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ The owner of a small business concern identified below;
- ☒ An official of a small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of concern: JAC Investments Inc.

Address of concern: 40 South Lively Blvd.  
Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as identified in 13 C.F.R. 121.3-18, and reproduced in 36 C.F.R. 1.9(D), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(1) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on full time, part time, or temporary basis during each of the date periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns or affiliates of each other when one concern, directly or indirectly, either controls or has power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that the rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled

**"CHILD SAFETY CLIP"**

By inventor(s): John A. Crane; Judith A. Crane; and Dwight Priest

Described in:

- ☒ The specification filed herewith;
- ☐ Application serial number \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Patent number \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(D) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(D) or a non-profit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(E).

Name:

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Small business concern
- ☐ Non-profit organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate [37 C.F.R. 1.28(B)].

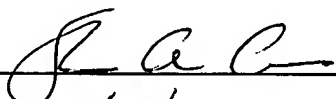
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of person signing: John Crane

Title of person other than owner: President

Residence and Post Office Address of person signing:

14 Hobson Ct., Woodridge, Illinois 60517

Signature: 

Dated: 2/6/84